

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVIDENCE PROJECT

Webinar for State & Territorial Coalitions
May 2012



WHAT WE WILL BE COVERING

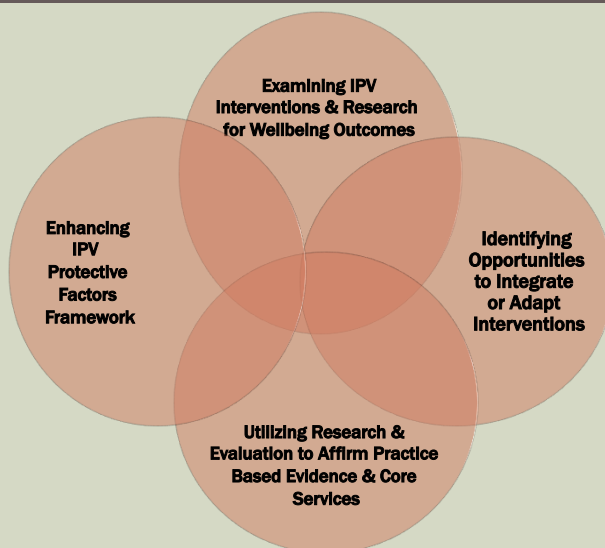
- ◆ The Emphasis on Evidence-Based Practices:
The Federal Landscape
- ◆ The NRCDV's DV Evidence Project
- ◆ Why We Need Your Help

ACYF PRIORITIES SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

- Promoting social and emotional wellbeing, healing, and recovery
- Increasing trauma-informed programming
- Increasing access to and knowledge of evidence-based practices
- Implementing evidence-based practices
- Promoting long-term healing and recovery for families
- Promoting a Protective Factors Framework across ACYF programs

WHAT ARE WE WORKING TOWARDS?

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EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

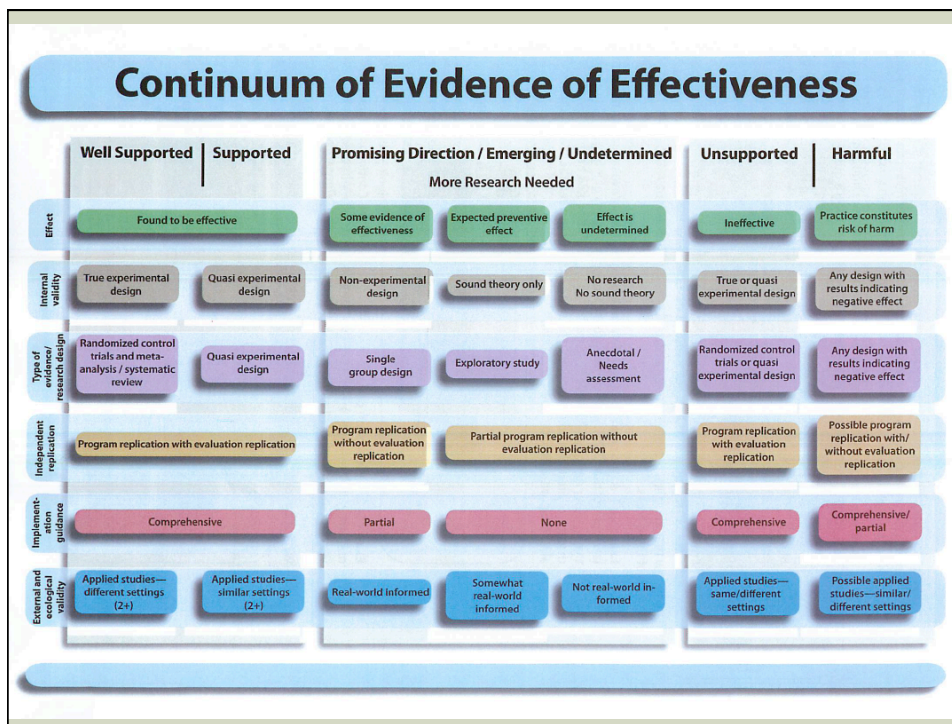
■ What is Evidence-based Practice?

“ ‘Evidence-based practice’ is defined as: (1) practices or programs that have been judged to be effective based through rigorous, scientific methods; and (2) EBP as the basis for decision-making and action; a process for insuring that an individual or group of individuals gets the best possible intervention, service, or support based on an assessment of needs, preferences, and available options”

Friesen, 2004

A Framework for Thinking About Evidence





DV EVIDENCE PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To increase domestic violence service providers' access to information on effective interventions that are evidence-based and trauma-informed.
- To increase their capacity to better serve victims of domestic violence and their children.

KEY PROJECT ACTIVITIES (by 9/30/12)

- A “conceptual framework” that is designed to reflect the values and goals of our movement.
- An online DV evidence resource center to house a comprehensive evidence review of domestic violence core services and promising practices and programs.
- An initial set of TA and training tools to enhance the DV field’s capacity to thoughtfully and responsibly review and/or translate evidence-based practices and practice-based evidence into their work.
- Launch in October 2012 (webinars, online resource center, other materials)

EXPECTED 5-YEAR OUTCOMES

- Coalitions and other DV programs will be able to:
 - More easily access, interpret, critique and strategically use available and emerging evidence on DV intervention and prevention efforts.
 - Better identify, develop, and/or replicate innovative or exemplary policies, programs and practices that are more fully responsive to the multi-dimensional safety and support needs of diverse individuals, families and communities.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

- One section of the online resource center will include **Promising Practices and Programs** so that:
 - Programs across the country can learn from each other.
 - We can encourage critical thinking about how to effectively work with diverse groups of survivors.
 - We can support the spread of promising practices and programs, *where appropriate*.

PROMISING PRACTICES/PROGRAMS

- The site will include specific information:
 - History of the program
 - Description of the program
 - Context of the program (geographic and cultural context, who has participated, what may have contributed to the program's success)
 - Evidence of its effectiveness
 - Contact information (if feasible)
 - What is needed to run the program

IDENTIFYING PROMISING PROGRAMS

- We are using a variety of strategies to identify promising practices and programs:
 - State & Territorial Coalitions
 - National Domestic Violence Resource Centers
 - National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
 - National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
 - Battered Women's Justice Project
 - National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health
 - National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence
 - Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody
 - Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence
 - Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network of Health Families and Communities
 - Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community

IDENTIFYING PROMISING PROGRAMS – Other National Organizations *such as*:

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| • Alianza | • National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life |
| • Break the Cycle | • National Congress of American Indians Violence Against Women Task Force |
| • Clan Star, Inc. | • National Domestic Violence Hotline |
| • Deaf Abused Women's Network | • National Family Justice Center Alliance |
| • Domestic Abuse Intervention Project | • National Network to End Domestic Violence |
| • Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities | • National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women |
| • FaithTrust Institute | • National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault |
| • Full Frame Initiative | • Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian, and Gay Survivors of Abuse |
| • Futures Without Violence | • Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International |
| • Jewish Women International | • Praxis International |
| • Legal Momentum | • Women of Color Network |
| • Mending the Sacred Hoop | |
| • Muslim Advocacy Network Against Domestic Violence | |
| • National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects | |
| • National Coalition Against Domestic Violence | |

INCLUSION CRITERIA

- To be considered for inclusion as a **promising practice**, the program or activity has to meet at least one of the following criteria:
 1. evidence that the domestic violence survivors participating in the program/activity have said themselves that the activity had a positive impact on them, OR
 2. documented, objective evidence of success, measured by program staff.

INCLUSION CRITERIA

- If you are not sure if a program meets the inclusion criteria, PLEASE nominate them anyway.
- If a program is not sure if it meets the inclusion criteria, we still want to talk with them.
- We will have a conversation with them to find out if they meet the criteria.

GATHERING INFORMATION FROM PROGRAMS

If a program is interested in being included on the DV Evidence online resource center, and they meet the inclusion criteria, we will interview them by phone to get more detailed information.

CAUTIONS AND CAVEATS

- We want to be very careful that:
 - We are not necessarily endorsing a program by including it.
 - We are not suggesting a particular program or type of program should be used by others or in other communities.
 - We are not suggesting some programs are better than others.

NEXT STEPS

- Early next week we will send each DV coalition an email that we are asking you to send to your member programs.
- You can email us back with contact information of any program you think meets the criteria as a promising practice, AND/OR
- You can ask programs to contact us directly.

THE EMAIL INVITATION (draft)

- The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) is creating **an online resource center to highlight new, interesting, and innovative work** that is being done by DV advocates across the country, so that we can learn from each other and continually grow our work.
- While this online resource center will include programs and practices that have been widely identified as evidence-based (based on having strong research behind them), we know that many of our programs are doing innovative work that they have reason to believe is effective, but that hasn't necessarily been rigorously evaluated.
- **Are you or someone you are aware of engaging in work that should be included in this online resource center?**
- If you are aware of any promising practices or emerging practices in your community that you would like the NRCDV to consider for inclusion in the new online resource center, please email _____ at _____ or call xxx-xxx-xxxx. We would love to hear from you!

Thoughts?
Comments?
Questions?

And if you continue to have any of the above,
please share them with Annika Gifford at
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